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## **Sustainability Advisory Committee**

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**MINUTES  
SAC COMMITTEE  
AUGUST 23, 2012  
CITY HALL A/B CONFERENCE ROOM**

**ROLL CALL:**

Diane Meyer, Chair  
Pamela Fournier  
Jeffrey Flotken

**ABSENT:**

Richard Marx Jr  
Peter John Le Blanc  
Stan Braude  
Alex Bornstein  
Susan Buse, Clayton School District Representative  
Andrea Maddox-Dallas, Aldermanic Representative

**CITY STAFF:**

Mike Pratt, Director of Public Works  
Daneen Schlereth, Recording Secretary

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The minutes of the February 23, 2012 meeting were approved.

Diane advised the committee the Board of Alderman changed the committee's name to The Sustainability Advisory Committee.

Diane informed the committee the City has a new link to the sustainability section on its website and encouraged the committee to take a look at it.

Diane also informed the committee members the term for a committee member is 3 full years.

Pam notified the committee that Catherine Werner, former member of the committee is now the City of St. Louis Sustainability Director. The city has had several meetings and in January, they

are going to roll out their implementation stage. Pam said she is looking forward to seeing what they are going to provide in January and will bring it back to the committee. Mike said it would be good to hear and we might be able to piggy back with our committee.

J.J. thought it was a great idea and could possibly send our committee in a new direction with new ideas and initiatives. J.J. also said he hopes it brings in new members.

Pam brought up a concern of hers about the city using non-native plants around the city. A general discussion about non-native and native plantings commenced. Pam said she has sent several letters to the Architectural Review Board and hasn't received any response back. She wasn't sure which avenue she needed to take to have the city look at native plantings. Pam felt there are several good reasons; they are easy to maintain and with the hawks living in the city it would provide shelter for smaller animals and birds.

Diane informed the committee all we need to do is write a proposal and we can recommend it to the Board of Alderman. JJ suggested we talk with the Parks and Street Department first before they start planting for next year to help with the proposal.

Diane said the Missouri Department of Conservation has a list of the Missouri native plants on their website that we could get some ideas from.

The committee asked for Susan Renard and/or Bull to come to the next meeting and discuss the idea of using native plants in areas throughout the city where they will grow and prosper.

## **New Business**

J.J. brought up the Clayton Century Foundation and that the pillar of that foundation is sustainability, he said success has been good so far; however they always push to find new projects. J.J. suggested as our committee being of knowledge, the foundation is really open to hearing of new ideas and if we have any ideas or projects that has a sustainability elements to it, he believes the foundation would be interested to hear about it and possibly back it.

Pam said last year we wanted to donate money to the rain garden over in Oak Knoll Park; however the money was allocated to some other project. She suggested that maybe the Century Foundation might want to help with bringing the rain garden up to speed for education purposes. She said she talked to Susan and she would be extremely willing to accept any funds that would be donated to help with that site.

Mike suggested to the committee to bring some ideas to the October meeting, on budget ideas.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00pm.

Next meeting scheduled for **Thursday, Dec 13, 2012.**

cc: June Waters, City Clerk